

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims supersedes and replaces all prior claim listings.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A microemulsion with a mean particle diameter of 5 to 20 nm comprising:

(a) 5 to 50% by weight of at least one alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside carboxylic acid salt corresponding to formula (I):



wherein R¹ is an alkyl and/or alkenyl group containing 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms, p is a number of 1 to 10, m is a number of 1 to 5, n is a number of 1 to 5 and X represents alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkanolammonium, alkyl ammonium or glucammonium;

(b) 5 to 50% by weight of an oil component; and,

(c) 0 to 15% by weight of mono- and/or polyhydric alcohols containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

wherein the sum of components (a) + (b) makes up 10 to 55% by weight of the composition as a whole.

2. (Previously presented) The microemulsion according to Claim 1, wherein the emulsion further comprises a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, non-ionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, zwitterionic surfactants, and mixtures thereof.

3. (Previously presented) The microemulsion according to Claim 1, wherein component (c) is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, glycerol, ethylene

glycol, propylene glycol, and mixtures thereof.

4. (Previously presented) An article impregnated with the microemulsion of Claim 1.

5. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 4, wherein the article is a wet wipe.

6. (Previously presented) An article impregnated with the microemulsion of Claim 1, wherein the microemulsion is diluted to a water content of at least 60% by weight prior to impregnating the article.

7. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 6, wherein the article is a wet wipe.

8. (Previously presented) A cosmetic formulation incorporating the microemulsion of Claim 1.